

Committee on Education for Democracy – webinar series #5

“The Role of the ECEC Sector”

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Concept

Through a short series of webinar, the CINGO Committee on Education for Democracy seeks to leverage on civil society and their wealth of knowledge to share working practices that are effective in learning, teaching and shaping democracy. The experience of democratic processes is essential in all learning environments, in that democracy is not something that is aseptically taught but rather something that needs to be experienced. In a learner-centred approach, involving learners in the design of their education remains a central endeavour. This is all the more appropriate for non-formal and informal learning environments.

This fifth webinar explored what it takes to truly cultivate democracy from the earliest years thanks to the presentation of some very concrete examples of how to co-construct a child-centred, democratic early childhood classroom and apply the principles of quality interactions, shared decision-making, and environments that invite inquiry, so that young children are not just learning about democracy—they are living it.

Speaker

- Aljoša Rudas, program manager at the International Step by Step Association (ISSA)
- Moderated by Arja Krauchenberg, Chair of the CINGO Committee on Education for Democracy and senior expert of the Lifelong Learning Platform